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SUBJECT: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS: EARLY WARNING:
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY TO BUILD GROUND
SATELLITE STATION

REF: MVD 3740

1. URUGUAYAN NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY (ANTEL) IS DEVELOPING PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A GROUND SATELLITE STATION TO BY-PASS THE PRESENT MONTEVIDEO-BUENOS AIRES-BALCARCE LINK, AS WELL AS IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY'S TELEGRAPH/TELEX SERVICES. THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$13 MILLION.
2. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE BY THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB). HOWEVER, FINANCING WILL NOT BE NEGOTIATED UNTIL AFTER SIGNING OF LOAN FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM MODERNIZATION (REFTEL) WHICH EXPECTED THIS MONTH. ANTEL HOPES THAT GROUND SATELLITE PROJECT LOAN CAN BE NEGOTIATED DURING 1976.
3. ANTEL HAS DEFERRED SATELLITE GROUND STATION LOAN UNTIL AFTER TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM MODERNIZATION LOAN SIGNED APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO STUDY AND PREPARE DOCUMENTS. THIS SHORTAGE MIGHT ALSO EXPLAIN REPEATED POSTPONEMENTS OF SIGNING OF LOAN DOCUMENTS FOR TELE-

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COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND CHANGES IN BID CONDITIONS

FOR THAT PROJECT EVEN THOUGH IDB APPROVED LOAN IN
PRINCIPLE LAST MARCH. IN VIEW THIS, IT SEEMS LIKELY
THAT THIS PROJECT WILL NOT REACH BIDDING STAGE UNTIL
LATE 1976 OR 1977. US FIRMS SHOULD THEN BE ABLE TO
COMPETE FOR DESIGN OF SYSTEM AND SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT.
HOWEVER CONSULTING FIRM CHOSEN TO SUPERVISE MICROWAVE PROJECT
WILL BE IN A FAVORED POSITION TO SUPPLY SAME SERVICES FOR THIS
PROJECT.
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